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1. VICE MINISTER OF DEFENSE MULATU HAS INFORMED MAAG OFFICER THAT GENERAL AMAN WAS VERY ANGRY IN A MEETING THIS MORNING BECAUSE HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A REPLY TO HIS OCTOBER 7 MESSAGE TO THE SECRETARY (REFTEL A). MULATU SAID GENERAL AMAN ALSO FEELS STRONGLY THAT AS HEAD OF STATE HE SHOULD RECEIVE A RESPONSE FROM THE SECRETARY RATHER THAN FROM UNDER SECRETARY SISCO.

2. COMMENT. WE HAVE REPORTED VARIOUS INDICATIONS THAT THE AFCC IS WEIGHING THE BASIC MILITARY PROCUREMENT AND FOREIGN POLICY OPTIONS OPEN TO ETHIOPIA AT PRESENT. GENERAL AMAN'S ANGER PROBABLY REFLECTS NOT ONLY THE NEED FOR A REPLY IN THIS CONTEXT BUT ALSO HIS OWN PREFERENCE THAT ETHIOPIA CONTINUE TO REPLY FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE ON THE US ALONE. THE MILITARY RADICALS MAY BE PUSHING PARTICULARLY HARD AT PRESENT FOR THE SOVIET OPTION (CF. REFTEL C). WE KNOW THEY HAVE BEEN CITING THE CONTINUING ABSENCE OF AN AMERICAN AMBASSADOR
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